

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
May 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Kara Bodle, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Becky Beckman, Selena Vonderheide and Sherry Monesmith. **Commission Members Absent:** Gary Moeller and Mickey Seger. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, Corina Mack. **City Attorney:** Renee Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Mayor Terry Seitz, Herald Reporter Candy Neal, WITZ News Director Jim O'Neil, Forest Park students David Auffart and Lori Uebelhor, and Hudson Besaw. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Sherry Monesmith** moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Selena Vonderheide** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**Public Business**

Mike Jones welcomed the Forest Park students to the meeting. They introduced themselves to the Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- April was another busy month. *Kyle Eastwood* performed to a sold out backstage audience. *Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre* performed for a huge crowd. Both were well received. Lots of pet food was collected for the Humane Society at the *Popovich* performance.
- Wade Baker performed at 5 area residential centers as part of the senior series. He was well received at each facility.
- *The Osmonds* have cancelled their Christmas performance at the JAC for December 2013. *The Texas Tenors* have agreed to perform in December 2013 with the Board's approval. **Robin Norris** moved to contract with *The Texas Tenors* for the December 2013 performance. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit requested permission to attend the Arts Midwest Conference in September. This is in the budget. **Mike Jones** moved to allow Kit to attend the conference. **Linda Kahle** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- The 2013/2014 season guide should be completed by the end of the month.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- Doreen requested an old laser printer that needs approximately \$150 in repair work to be declared junk. A new printer was purchased for \$200. **Robin Norris** moved to junk the printer. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Doreen requested to attend the Cue Conference put on by ETC. Cue makes our lighting board, lights and dimmers. It is a 4 day conference, July 22-26. Registration is \$250, approximately \$440 for the flight and \$480 - \$600 for the hotel. This is also in the budget. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to allow Doreen to attend the Cue Conference. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Mike asked how the building is doing and progress on the drainage repair. The Building is fine, no progress on the drainage repair at this time. He mentioned how great the gallery displays look and thanked Doreen and her staff for a job well done on building them.

## **Education Report**

Kit reported.

- Kyle Eastwood provided a master class in the art room at Jasper High School. Art students were invited to draw, sketch, or paint while Kyle performed. The High School Jazz Band was invited to attend as well and encouraged to bring their instruments.
- Jane Vickers and Amy Rich provided a workshop at the JAC for Jasper High School art students.
- Sean Layne provided a 2 day workshop for area teachers as part of the Kennedy Center Partnership in Education program.

## **Visual Arts Report**

Kit reported.

- The FiRST THURSDAY reception for Jane Vickers and Amy Rich in April was well attended.
- The FiRST THURSDAY reception for Reid Norris and Alice Kiderman in May was also well attended.
- Interviews will be held next week for the Visual Arts Coordinator position. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> hire in this position in the last 4 years. Kit will request the position be increased to full time this summer during budget negotiations.

## **Project Coordinator Report**

Corina reported.

- Chalk Walk was postponed due to rain. It will be held this Saturday on the Square in Jasper. A few vendors have dropped due to the postponement. If it gets rained out again we will hold it at the JAC on June 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.
- *10,000 Maniacs* will be performing at the JAC on Saturday, May 18. The Schnitzelbank has agreed to sell food and beverages on the west lawn prior to the concert from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Special Events committee will continue to work on this. They will volunteer the day of for set up and tear down.
- Discussion went back to the Chalk Walk regarding the Downtown Merchants' concerns about the square being closed for the Chalk Walk the day before Mother's Day. They are concerned about losing foot traffic and possible sales. The Merchants would like the square to be open during Chalk Walk. It was felt that to open the square for car traffic during Chalk Walk would be dangerous for participants and vendors. Discussion followed regarding the Chalk Walk. Some suggestions were: to move the Chalk Walk to the JAC; keep it downtown and move the date to later in the year; or continue to hold the Chalk Walk downtown on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May with the rain date 2 weeks later to avoid Mother's Day weekend.
- The Special Events committee continues to work on the Strassenfest parade for August.
- No birthday parties were scheduled in May due to Chalk Walk, *10,000 Maniacs* and the Memorial Day weekend.

## **Old Business**

- Mike Jones reported building plans are still in a hover position. Mike and Kit met with CityVisions regarding the possibility of the JAC moving downtown or to the newly purchased Country Club Property.
- Mike sent an email to Juanita Boehm regarding the credit card issue. Juanita responded she hasn't gotten to it yet.

## **New Business**

- Mike reported Roger Welp, a Huntingburg native and filmmaker, wants to shoot a film in Dubois County. Dubois Strong has a film commission and they are working to make this happen. The target date for filming would be in June, and there could be opportunities for locals to participate.

## **Adjournment**

**Sherry Monesmith** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. **Kara Bodle** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

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Mike Jones

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Attested